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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING A METAMETHODOLOGY

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] The present application hereby incorporates the following United States Patent Applications by reference in their entirety:

Ref 8-24-06

<u>Attorney Docket Number</u>	<u>P.N./Express Mail Label Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
09842335 LSI 01-695	09/842,335	April 25, 2001
10621414 LSI 01-488	EV 013 245 395 US	October 30, 2001
10021619 LSI 01-489	EV 013 245 404 US	October 30, 2001
10621696 LSI 01-490	EV 013 245 418 US	October 30, 2001

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention generally relates to the field of product design, and particularly to method and apparatus for implementing a metamethodology in integrated circuit (IC) design.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] Integrated circuits have become a necessary part of everyday modern society. From cell phones and computers, to household appliances and automobiles, a wide range of integrated circuits are utilized to provide a broad range of functionality. To provide this functionality, integrated circuits may need to be specialized to have the functions necessary to achieve the desired results. Additionally, more and more functions are being included within each integrated circuit.

[0004] However, this has resulted in a level of design complexity previously unimagined. For example, to achieve the functions desired, multiple vendors may be used to provide Electronic Design Automation (EDA) software tools. The variety of such tools is supplied from a plurality of sources; this results in compatibility and management issues.